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Attorney General Bruning: Passage of LB 728 Empowers Exploited Children

LINCOLN – Attorney General Jon Bruning today applauded the passage of LB 728 by the Nebraska Legislature. The bill, which creates the “Exploited Children’s Civil Remedy Act” is part of the Attorney General’s legislative package and was carried by State Sen. Scott Lautenbaugh of Omaha.

The legislation, modeled after a Florida law, is a civil remedy for the victims of child pornography.

“These images and videos are passed around the world like a virus,” Bruning said. “Every time a photo or video is shared, that child is victimized all over again,”

“This measure provides victims with the means to stand up against their exploiters,” Lautenbaugh said. “This bill is a powerful tool in helping victims recover from the worst moments of their lives.”

This act allows victims to bring a civil suit against anyone who created, distributed or actively acquired child pornography while in Nebraska. A minimum of \$150,000 in damages is set.

State Sen. Chris Langemeier of Schuyler made the measure his priority bill. “Victims of these crimes are made to feel powerless by their exploiters,” Langemeier said. “LB 728 empowers them to fight back.”

Victims have three years to file an action from the latter of the end of criminal prosecution against the exploiter; law enforcement’s identification of the exploiter; or the victim’s 18th birthday.

Participants who are 16 or older at the time and who voluntarily and willingly participate would not be able to sue under this act.

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